

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4299–4318; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 417–419 and H. Res. 629–633, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4060, to amend the Peace Corps Act to establish an Ombudsman and an Office of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps (H. Rept. 108–481, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fossella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Joseph V. Brennan, Pastor, St. Linus Church in Norwalk, California.

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Point of Order: The Chair ruled that words uttered by a Member during a one-minute speech were not unparliamentary and the point of order was overruled.

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Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Filner motion to instruct conferees on the bill to insist on the language contained in section 415 of the House bill that requires foreign-flag vessels to have their vessel security plans approved by the United States Coast Guard before entering a port in the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 148.

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Appointed as conferees: from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (AK), Coble, Duncan, Hoekstra, LoBiondo, Simmons, Mario Diaz-Balart (FL), Oberstar, Filner, Bishop (NY), and Lampson.

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For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Cox and Thompson (MS).

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Iraqi Prisoner Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 627, deploring the abuse of persons in United States custody in Iraq, regardless of the cir-

cumstances of their detention, urging the Secretary of the Army to bring to swift justice any member of the Armed Forces who has violated the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, expressing the deep appreciation of the Nation to the courageous and honorable members of the Armed Forces who have selflessly served, or are currently serving, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, by a recorded vote of 365 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 150.

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A point of order was sustained against the Hoyer motion to recommit the resolution back to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions.

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H. Res. 628, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 147.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, May 5:

Sense of the House regarding the Lao People's Democratic Republic: H. Res. 402, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nays and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 149;

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Sense of Congress regarding the detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China: H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 151; and

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Expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons: H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 3 nays and 14 voting "present", Roll No. 152.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, May 10; and further that when it adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 12.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2659.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 34 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2678, H2679, H2679–80, H2697–98, H2698, and H2699. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Foreign Intelligence Program Budget. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Online Pornography: Closing the Doors on Pervasive Smut." Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Kevin Lourdeau, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "The 'Dot Kids' Internet Domain: Protecting Children Online." Testimony was heard from Michael D. Gallagher, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held an oversight hearing entitled "Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States." Testimony was heard from Philip Merrill, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SECURITY CLEARANCE BACKLOG

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4259, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act; H.R. 4176, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 295, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; H. Res. 613, Recognizing and honoring the tenth anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day; H. Res. 622, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; and H.R. 3740, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building."

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "What's the Hold Up: A Review of Security Clearance Backlog and Reciprocity Issues Plaguing Today's Government and Private Sector Workforce." Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Acting Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Stephen C. Benowitz, Associate Director, Division for Human Resources Products and Services, OPM; Heather Anderson, Acting Director, Security, Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Update on Federal